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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENT TO APPROVE NEW JAMAICAN HARBOUR FEES

1. THE JAMAICAN PARLIAMENT IS BEING ASKED TO APPROVE  
NEW HARBOUR FEES CONSEQUENT TO THE DEVALUATION OF THE  
JAMAICAN DOLLAR. THE NEW SCHEDULE OF FEES WAS TABLED  
IN THE FORM OF A MINISTRY PAPER BY MINISTER OF PUBLIC  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORT, HORACE CLARKE.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN ASKED TO DEFER  
FURTHER INCREASES IN THE RATES UNTIL OBJECTIONS FROM THE  
BAUXITE AND THE OIL COMPANIES ARE RE-EXAMINED.

3. THE MINISTRY PAPER ALSO SETS OUT WHAT HAS BEEN  
DESCRIBED AS THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF HARBOUR FEES TO  
THE JAMAICAN PORT AUTHORITY. THIS ORGANISATION IS BEING  
FINANCED ALMOST TOTALLY FROM LOAN FUNDS AND TO A MUCH  
LESSER DEGREE FROM INTERNALLY GENERATED FUNDS. IF NO  
ADJUSTMENT OF THE HARBOUR FEES TO OFFSET DEVALUATION HAD  
TAKEN PLACE THEN REVENUE WOULD AMOUNT TO J\$1.43 MILLION.  
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THE ADJUSTMENT WOULD UP THESE EARNINGS TO J\$2.01 MILLION.  
THE DIFFERENCE OF J\$600,000 WOULD NEARLY TAKE CARE OF THE  
CURRENT LOSSES OF J\$50,000 MONTHLY BY THE PORT AUTHORITY.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE CURRENT AND THE PROPOSED  
NEW HARBOR FEES:

SCHEDULE

VESSELS:	ORDER 1974 (EXISTING RATES)	ORDER 1978 (PROPOSED RATES)
CRUISE SHIPS	3 CENTS	5 CENTS
GYPSUM SHIPS	20 CENTS MAXIMUM 40C	30C MAXIMUM 60C
BAUXITE SHIPS	15 CENTS MAXIMUM 30C	23C MAXIMUM 46C
ALUMINA SHIPS	15 CENTS MAXIMUM 30C	23C MAXIMUM 46C
PETROLEUM SHIPS	13 CENTS MAXIMUM 26C	20C MAXIMUM 40C
ANY OTHER SHIPS IRVING	12 CENTS MAXIMUM 24C	18C MAXIMUM 36C

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